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H. RES. 507

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 1948

Mr. KLEIN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Whereas there is increasing evidence that American foreign policy is being conducted for and by military and financial interests with little or no regard to the traditional and stated policies of the United States as enunciated by the Congress and the President of the United States; and

Whereas this House views with alarm and apprehension the authority exercised in the determination of American foreign policy by the National Defense Council, and the number of positions involving the formulation of policies which have been filled, in purely civilian agencies, with professional military men; and

Whereas skilled and informed observers have repeatedly pointed out that the duplications of administrative structure in the Department of State have led to the exercise of vast powers by small units having no corresponding responsibility to

higher authority and the American public, and are shielded from scrutiny by allegations of national security; and

Whereas specifically, the conduct of the Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs of the Department of State in relation to the stated policies of this government on Palestine has, on the public record, constituted a subversion of those policies and a repudiation of the action of the United Nations: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs is authorized and directed, by full committee or by subcommittee, to conduct a full investigation of the formulation and conduct of foreign policy of the United States, with special reference to the following issues, but not to the exclusion of any other matters deemed relevant and pertinent to the scope of the inquiry by the committee:

1 (a) Whether the National Defense Council is conduct-
2 ing its affairs in conformity with the intent of Congress and
3 the meaning of the law;

4 (b) Whether the administrative structure of the De-
5 partment of State is efficient and promotes responsibility of
6 the divisions to the highest authorities and the public welfare;

7 (c) Whether or not the Office of Near Eastern and
8 African Affairs of the Department of State has thwarted and
9 subverted the American policy on Palestine, has exceeded its
10 authority, and has brought the United States into disrepute.

11 SEC. 2. For such purposes the committee or subcom-
12 mittee shall have power to send for persons and papers and

1 administer oaths, and shall have the right to report at any
2 time.

3 SEC. 3. The committee is authorized to make interim
4 reports from time to time, in the discretion of the chairman
5 and the members of the committee; but shall make its final
6 report and legislative recommendations not later than Janu-
7 ary 4, 1949.

8 SEC. 4. There is authorized to be appropriated from the
9 contingent funds of the House such funds as are necessary
10 to conduct the investigation.

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